

# First Presbyterian Church

January 31, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



*Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Oak Ridge, Tennessee**  
**A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**January 31, 2021 • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

*(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 111)*

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

**Let us give thanks to God with our entire selves.**

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**Great are the deeds of the Holy One, shown through power and justice.**

Come! Let us worship and give thanks to almighty God.

**Hymn**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*(verses 1, 3, and 4)*

*(Glory to God, 610)*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread though all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***Holy and all-powerful God, we confess that, as much as we might try, we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and toss aside what is unknown. We push ahead on our own, forgetting that you are always with us. We cling to tired rituals and outworn ceremonies, rather than holding fast to you. Have mercy on us, Lord. Remind us that your grace is more than sufficient for our every need, and that with you all things are possible through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

**The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Sung Response**

*We Are Forgiven*

*(Glory to God, 447)*

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:21-28

**Sermon**

*With Authority*

Sharon Youngs

**Musical Reflection**

**Call to Prayer**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

(Glory to God, 543)

*God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

**Prayers of the People - with the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

**Hymn**

*Take My Life*  
(verses 1, 2, and 5)

(Glory to God, 697)

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.*

**Charge and Blessing**

**Sung Response**

*Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

**Postlude**

## Announcements

### Current members of FPC Session and committee they chair:

Joe Everitt (Stewardship)  
Linda Driver (Social Concerns)  
Jason Goodman (Property & Maintenance)  
Peggy Hilliard (Human Resources)  
Jo Kendrick (Social Concerns)  
Matt Lindsey (Finance)  
Kiersten Ruisard (Christian Education)  
Matt Stone (Christian Education)  
Candice Strickler (Congregational Care & Welcome;  
Nominating)  
Dan Terpstra (Property & Maintenance)  
Mimi Tilley (Congregational Care & Welcome)  
Elaine Wilson (Worship)

### Men's Monday Lunch

Before the pandemic, the men of FPC held a long-standing meeting every Monday at noon at a local restaurant. The gathering has been revived on Zoom for the time being, hosted by Gene Ice. For a link to join in, get in touch with Gene (748-1833 or [icege@ornl.gov](mailto:icege@ornl.gov)).

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,  
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*  
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### Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

#### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds, Rise 'n' Shine, and  
Let's Talk About It  
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship  
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children's class  
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

#### Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

#### Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

#### Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

### **First Presbyterian Church—A PC(USA) Congregation**

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